

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB BULLETIN

August 2004



This month's program:

Our program for this month is: Merv, N6NO on his recent trip to the Antarctic.



Join us at

**The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd
August 25, 2004 - Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M**



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A Word From The Prez by Jim K6ZH



As I write this column on the morning of Sunday, August 15, the Worked All Europe contest is in full swing on CW. And guess what: the flux is almost 150 and the EU signals are just POURING in on 15 meters! It's so nice when this happens, especially on a big DX contest weekend. I slid up the band and had a lovely 15 meter SSB chat with Jeff, GW4AYJ. Just like "old times," as they say.

The YV0D operation has come and gone, and I suspect I'm not the only one who didn't add all the band-countries he had hoped to. But sometimes these operations get squeezed by logistics and weather, and apparently both things occurred with this group. They made 18K Qs, however, so quite a few folks will have new wallpaper.

Art, K6XT, hosted an antenna party, or should I say a de-antenna party, on July 31. And apparently the missions were accomplished to get his big hardware down. See photos elsewhere in this newsletter. This "party" shows that SD DX Club members can and will help one another. So, don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it. We are sorry to see you go, Art! But do try to keep Bruce Clark, K0YW, in line over there in Colorado J

I understand the So. California DX Bash at W6IRD's place was a big success also (see photos elsewhere). It will be our turn next year, and K6NA has indicated that he'll be willing to host it. So when the time comes, we'll need to help Glenn get ready for the onslaught.

Finally, mark your calendars NOW for the DX Club's Holiday Party on Saturday, December 4. Arnie, W7BIA, and his wife Carol, WA7BIA, have agreed to host it at their home in Encinitas. This date was selected to avoid known conflicts with other club parties. So, please reserve the date and join in the fun. See you at the SDDXC meeting on August 25! Cheers / 73 - Jim, K6ZH

San Diego DX Club Policy on content of DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of Dxing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.

SDDXC Top Ten!!

John Barcroft K6AM



THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON RTTY

8/04	8/03	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6KUT	40	190	190	243	-
2.	2.	W6YOO	36	227	229	229	+3
3.	4.	N7CW		67	67	186	+3
4.	3.	W6CN		173	176	185	-
5.	6.	K6XT	36	?	?	132	-
6.	7.	N6ND		9	9	129	-
7.	8.	K6KT		36	36	127	-
8.	9.	W6EUF		97	97	121	-
9.	-	NF6V		19	19	54	NEW
10.	10.	W6TUR		8	8	8	-

Not too much action reported again this year. RTTY is becoming more popular all the time. The advent of PSK32 and some other systems have really ignited a surge of interest. The old 60 WPM baudot mode is now heard mostly on the contest weekends.

New software is being introduced all the time. MMTTY is a good one when used with Writelog and a sound blaster card. Most of the expeditions are now doing a fair amount of RTTY for The Deserving. We'll be looking for many more entries next year in this fun but under-represented category.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, phone and CW. Please send me your totals for each band and mode throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. My email address is k6am at arrl.net or bring 'em to the meeting.

DUES Are DUE!!

They are due. That's why they call them DUES. Hey! Give your Treasurer a break, get out your checkbook, make out a check for \$10.00 to SDDXC and send it to Harry A. Hodges, W6YOO, 2435 Our Country Road, Escondido, CA 92029-5715. And while you are at it, think about going for multiple years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 31, 2004

Balance as of June 30, 2004: \$1,753.61

Income:

Regular Dues: 20.00
TOTAL: 20:00

Expenses:

Corporate Filing Fee 20.00
Field Day Food 74.44
Speaker's Dinner (N6CW) 7.85
TOTAL: 102.29

Balance as of July 31, 2004: \$1,671.32

Petty Cash on Hand: 20.00

Total Checking/Petty Cash: \$1,691.32

July 28, 2004

The San Diego DX Club Board met at the call of the President at 5:30 PM at the Sizzler Restaurant. Present were K6ZH, N6CW, W6YOO, K6AM, WN6K, K6GO, and N7CW. Following are decisions of the Board:

- SDDXC will pay for the program presenter's dinner(s).
- The Holiday Party will be held Saturday, December 4, 2004 at the home of W7BIA
- SDDXC will contribute \$200.00 as the club's share of the DX Summer Bash.

There being no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
HARRY A. HODGES, W6YOO
Secretary/Treasurer

July 28, 2004

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on July 28, 2004, at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive and Murphy Canyon Rd. There were 27 members and guests present.

President Jim, K6ZH, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The first order of business was to introduce the Club Officers elected for the 2004-2005 term and to present the "VEEP" badge to N6CW and a certificate to Past President John, K6AM.

At the DX Roundtable, individual members introduced themselves and mentioned DX highlights, tower permits, and so on.

After discussion it was decided that SDDXC would continue to contribute funds to NCDXF and allow them to decide those operations most deserving of support.

Field Chairman John, K6AM, presented the FD results stating we were close to record and that a 5-land operation was close.

Tony May, KG6SXY was voted in as an Associate Member.

It was announced that the Holiday Party would be held Saturday, December 4, 2004 at the home of Arnie, W7BIA.

John, K6AM presented the Top Ten in the RTTY category with N6XJ topping the list.

Art Goddard, W6XD, ARRL Southwestern Division Director brought the club up-to-date with ARRL affairs particularly BPL and announced that he was not running for re-election. He thanked all present for their support.

Introduced as candidates to succeed him were Vice Director Tuck Miller, N6ZT and Dick Norton, N6AA, each of whom gave a short presentation and asking for our votes.

Terry Baxter presented the evening's program about the 1982 DXpedition to Navassa Island, of which he was a member. One had to be a gymnast to get on and off the island, logging was done on paper, and very deep holes awaited the unwary walker. Most interesting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Harry A. Hodges, W6YOO
Secretary/Treasurer



From the Southern Ca DX Club!!!

The SCDXC would like to thank the SDDXC for their support of the Summer Bash and helping make it a great success again this year. It was nice to see so many SDDXC members make the drive up from the San Diego area. I know we enjoyed having so many members at the Bash and hope all of you enjoyed the day.

We look forward to seeing all of you at next years Bash.

James Shryne, N6DHz
Vice President

Art's Antenna Party



The Challenge



Help from Friends



Ground Crew



Art, on the way..UP!!



At the Top!



Ground Crew



Ground Crew



Forty Meter Down



40 Meter Down



Yep, another Ground crew.



20 Meter Down



At the Top!!

Summer Bash a Big Hit!!



Great food, great company, and two new Hams make it a day of festivity.

9 year old **Reid Bongard, KG6VSZ**, and **Sharon Spring**, sporting the new call of **KG6VWW** were both at the Bash, in fact, Sharon along with her husband Wayne W6IRD were the host of the party. Congrats to both!!

Several San Diego folks made the trip to the Spring house and by the looks of things, all had a great time. Jim McCook W6YA was there and it was great to see him.

If anyone left hungry, it was there own fault.

2004 Summer Bash



You would not believe how many people were in that pileup!!



Don't even tell me that contest is going on, while I am eating this hot dog!!



My signal went right over the top of everyone else. No problem!!



Man, I only missed that rare one by this much!!

**Photos courtesy of
Bob N6OX**

DX—IS!!

Summer Bash 2004 (cont)

Photos submitted by Jim N6DHZ and Bob N6OX



**Don't Miss Next
Year's Bash at a
place near you!!**

Local VHF Frequencies For Dxers

Frequency	Call	Mode	Other Info
144.415	QRZ?	Simplex	Voice announcing and chat frequency.
144.950	KM6K	Packet	San Diego Central
145.690	K6KT	Packet	North County inland

The packet cluster nodes are privately operated.
The Sysops have kindly invited the SDDXC members to use their equipment.



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